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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on September 27, 2006 ("the Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A petition for an extension of time (through and including January 29, 2007) accompanies this paper, which is therefore believed to be timely filed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 13 of this paper.